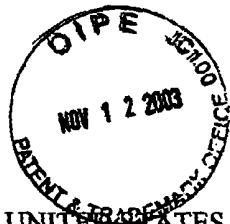


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MINAKO HIJIKATA ET AL. : GROUP ART UNIT: 1634
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THEREOF

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Responsive to the Official Action dated October 2, 2003, Applicants respectfully
request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following
amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page
2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.